Egremont Planning Board Meeting Minutes

August 2, 2023

Call to order: 10:03 AM

Planning Board: Jared Kelly (JK), Chairman; Matthew Bersani (MB), Secretary; Mary McGurn

(MM); Stephen Lyle (SL); Eddie Regendahl (ER), Vice Chairman absent

Citizens in Attendance: Eileen Vining; Lucinda Vermuelen; Donna Bersch; Peg Muskrat; Mike Parsons; Emily Innis; Julia Rasch.

Form A's:

Mike Parsons presented a Form A for the Hyatt/Beatie property regarding a minor adjustment to the property line with an abutter. MB recused himself. Approved 3-0.

Mail: None

Minutes:

The minutes from the last meeting (July 19) were approved, 4–0.

Citizen's Time: None

Updates and Discussion:

RFP

- JK asked Emily if she would like us to consider engaging her to do the zoning work, and she said she would.
- JK asked her what experience she had in this regard. She mentioned that she has done a great deal of zoning work in both Connecticut and Massachusetts (including in Pittsfield).
- Peg was asked about the status of the current draft of the RFP.
- Peg said she wants to make sure that the scope of work in the RFP is appropriate and achievable.
- JK asked Peg to incorporate comments previously received from Emily. The group reviewed these comments and discussed changes to the RFP.
- The group suggested that we review the RFP again at next week's meeting and finalize it.
- MM suggested the RFP will become more a scope of work than a traditional RFP.
- If Emily is selected as a preferred provider, there is no need to bid this work out.

Comprehensive Plan

- Revised plan sent on July 30 by Emily.
- She received some comments subsequently, and those were incorporated into this draft.

- JK asked if any material comments were received, and Emily said no and that the summary pages had have not been changed.
- Emily welcomed a last round of comments, but asked that they be sent to her by this Friday morning at the latest.
- Emily also checked to ensure there were no inconsistencies between the current version of the comprehensive plan and the OSRP.
- In terms of next steps, we agreed to have another meeting next Wednesday, August 9. At that meeting we will consider a motion to "endorse" the comprehensive plan.
- JK undertook to send the current draft of the comprehensive plan to the Select Board immediately after this meeting.

Future Meetings: August 9, 2023, at 10 AM

Adjourned: 11:25 AM